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### **Assumption of office for new EWA President Jiří Wanner (Czech Republic)**

**Hennef, 31st May 2005 – After two years of presidency for EWA, the outgoing President Haakon Thaulow rotationally hands over to Professor Jiří Wanner from the University of Prague of the Czech Republic as of May 2005. Peter Cook (UK) became elected as EWA Vice President and Johannes Lohaus (Germany) is confirmed as General Secretary of EWA.**

Professor Jiří Wanner will be the President of EWA for the period of office from May 2005 – May 2007. Jiří Wanner holds a PhD in Water Technology and studied at the Prague Institute of Chemical Technology (PICT). Since 1994 Jiří is appointed professor of Water Technology at the Prague Institute of Chemical Technology. By 2000 he obtained the scientific degree of Doctor of Science (DSc) also in Water Technology.

Besides being the new EWA President, he is involved in many professional associations, societies and journals such as IWA, ACE CR (Association of Wastewater Treatment Experts of the Czech Republic) and IKSE (International Commission for the Protection of the Elbe River).

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During the EWA Council Meeting in Munich on 27th April 2005 a new member of the EWA Management Committee was elected: Mr. Peter Cook, United Kingdom. For 30 years Peter Cook has held a wide range of executive roles including that of Group Managing Director. He has a wide commercial knowledge of the water industry, of management and of construction both at home and overseas. He holds a MSc degree in Process Engineering, a Eur Ing (European Engineer) from the European Federation of National Engineering Associations and is a Chartered Engineer. He also became Chairman for the European Affairs Committee of EWA.

As expected, Johannes Lohaus has been appointed General Secretary of EWA by decision of EWA's Management Committee from April 26th 2005.

The position as General Secretary of EWA has been linked to the position as Managing Director of DWA (German Association for Water, Wastewater and Waste). Previous to his appointment as General Secretary, Johannes Lohaus became Managing Director of the German Association as of 1st March 2005.

The European Water Association (EWA) is an independent non-governmental and non-profit making organisation dealing with the management and improvement of the water environment. It is one of the major professional associations in Europe that covers the whole water sector, wastewater as well as drinking water and water related waste, providing best practice and best science. With member associations from nearly all Central and Eastern European Countries, it not

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only includes most of the current European Union member states, Norway, and Switzerland, but also most of the Accession Countries.

Besides the information of its members on EU legislation and standardisation, the aim of the association is to provide a forum for the discussion of key technical and policy issues. This is done by international conferences, workshops and meetings, special working groups for experts and also publications. Through this exchange of knowledge the association intends to contribute to a sustainable water management: a safe water supply and the protection of water and soil.

The EWA has established close contacts to the European Commission (DG Environment), the European Committee for Standardization (CEN), the European Environment Agency (EEA) and the European Parliament.

The European Water Association (EWA) is one of the most important technical-scientific associations in Europe in the field of water. With 22 national member associations and a growing number of member firms, the EWA covers nearly all European countries. It offers its members a forum for the discussion of central technical and political questions. This takes place through conferences, workshops, meetings and groups of experts as well as through regular publications. Via the 22 national member associations there are more than 50,000 experts from the complete field of water.

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